LESSONS THIS QUARTER
1) 04 Dec.............. Num 1:1-8.26........ Stay True to Your Commitments
2) 11 Dec.............. Num 9:1-10.10........ Stay on Track with God’s GPS
3) 18 Dec.............. Num 10:11-15.41........ Stay Fearless in Your Obedience

INTRODUCTION
- The Jews were a pain from start to finish during the Exodus – but realize not every Jew was a willing follower (or believer) in Yahweh
- The wicked saw God do mighty things and they received blessings while under God’s protection; The Righteous, however, often suffered the fate of the wicked when the wicked were judged by God

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<td>vv11-12. After 1 year at Mt Sinai, the Cloud lifted from the Tabernacle signifying it was time to pack up and move out to a new area – an orderly 3 day journey to the “wilderness of Paran” – the home territory of Ishmael (Genesis 21:21), Isaac’s stepbrother</td>
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<td>vv29-31. Moses tried to convince Hobab (son-in-law or brother-in-law) to stay and help direct him possibly to safe and plentiful watering holes and away from dangerous communities</td>
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<td>v4. The complainers were greedy, and Moses wanted to die</td>
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<td>vv17. God’s remedy – share the work with other believers</td>
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<td>vv19-20 – Be careful what you pray for, you may get it along with leanness of soul …………………… Psalms 106:15</td>
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<td>v23. Is the Lord’s power limited? Is anything to hard for Him? … NO</td>
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<td>vv31-33. There was enough quail to cover the ground 3 feet deep in a radius of a day’s journey (about 20-25 miles all around) – and God struck the greedy with a plague – possibly food poisoning?</td>
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Mixed Marriages Addressed
- The journey was delayed until Miriam’s healing and restoration was completed. God’s people can’t move forward till sin is fixed

The First Spy Agency (FSA)
- 12 spies (Israel’s best) were sent into the “land of milk & honey” to reconnoiter enemy resources of food, fortresses, & fighters |
- v28. The Jews focused on the gigantic-looking obstacles and not on the affirmed promises of God (similar to Peter looking at the height of the waves around him and not on Jesus, Matthew 14:30)

“...let’s shoot the messenger”
- This is the 10th time of grumbling – they had established a pattern “and the people said ‘let’s stone Moses and Aaron” |
- While God’s forgiveness is greater than our sins – wrongdoing and rebellion – and delivers us from eternal judgment, we often must bear sin’s temporal consequences – in this case, people died early

Sacrifices for Sins
- More Burnt, Freewill, Grain, Drink, and Peace Offerings |
- vv15-16. Repeat of having 1 statue for the Jews & believing aliens |
- v24-30. Even unintentional/accidental sins were to be accounted for - Ignorance of the Law is no excuse! |
- v30-36. However, intentional sins are equated to Blasphemy |
- Recall Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is unpardonable |
- Gathering firewood on the Sabbath called for the death penalty |
- Recall the Sabbath was a Covenant God made only with the Jews, and it was to the death …………………… Exodus 31:14-18; 35:2

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS
- God wants serious believers, not half-hearted worshippers |
- The Jews had a unique Sabbath covenant with God tied to the Land of Israel, but we too, can enjoy side benefits of honoring the Sabbath |
- Restorative rest; worship and reflection on God and our place in His kingdom; repenting and recommitting to be God’s faithful servant

NEXT WEEK:
Numbers 24:15-19; Mat 1:1-2.23 – Christmas message